

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 88-24

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY AUDITORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICERS

SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR TIME ELIGIBLE REFUGEES AND ENTRANTS FROM
31 TO 24 MONTHS

BACKGROUND

The State Department of Social Services (SDSS) has been notified by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) that sufficient funds are not available under the Continuing Resolution for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1988 for assistance to refugees/entrants during their first 31 months in the United States (U.S.). The ORR has concluded that funds available for Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Family Group/Unemployed (AFDC-FG/U), AFDC-Foster Care (FC), Refugee Demonstration Project (RDP) and General Assistance (GA) are sufficient to cover only the first 24 months a refugee/entrant is in the U.S. Therefore, effective February 1, 1988, ORR will reimburse SDSS for the first 24 months that a refugee/entrant is in the U.S., instead of the first 31 months. This change does not affect the Refugee Cash Assistance Program (RCA).

The purpose of this letter is to provide assistance claiming instructions necessary to implement the reduction in ORR funding effective with the February 1988 claims.

1. Assistance Claiming Instructions

A. Time Eligible Refugees/Entrants on AFDC-FG/U

To ensure proper claiming, it will be necessary for counties to verify the date of entry for refugees and the date of parole for entrants on the time eligible payroll. Those cases in which at least one member in the assistance unit (AU) has not exceeded the 24-month time eligibility period as of February 1, 1988, will continue to be claimed on the DFA 844. Those cases where the entire AU has time expired (24-months) must not be included on the time eligible payroll. These cases must appear on the regular AFDC payroll and be claimed under the normal sharing ratios for AFDC.

In addition, effective February 1, 1988, the ORR reimbursement for Reduced Income Supplemental Payments (RISP) (also known as Hardship Supplemental Payments) to those time eligible refugees/entrants on AFDC is impacted by the 24-month time reduction. The ORR reimbursement for a RISP to an AFDC case which includes a time eligible refugee/entrant (Line 11 on the DFA 844) will be reduced from months 19 through 31 to months 19 through 24.

B. Time Eligible Refugees on RDP-FG/U

Only those RDP cases in which the principal earner (PE) or caretaker relative (CR) has not exceeded the 24-month time eligibility period will continue to be claimed on the CA 800 RDP and DFA 844 RDP. Those cases in which the CR or PE has time expired are no longer eligible for the RDP, and must not appear on the RDP payroll.

Additionally, ORR reimbursement for a RISP to a RDP AU is now limited to months 19 through 24. As a result, the amounts claimed on Line 11 of the DFA 844 RDP must reflect only those RDP AUs which are in the 19th through 24th month.

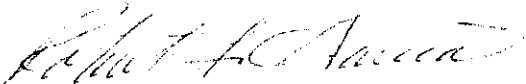
C. Time Eligible Refugees/Entrants on AFDC-FC

The Federal refugee/entrant children (aid code 42) who are within the 24 month time eligibility period will continue to be claimed on the DFA 847. The 24 month time eligible non-Federal refugee/entrant children (aid code 40) will continue to be claimed on the DFA 843. The date of entry for refugee children and the date of parole for entrant children must be verified on the time eligible payroll for AFDC-FC. Refugee/entrant children who have exceeded the 24-month time eligible period must appear on the regular AFDC-FC payrolls.

D. Time Eligible Refugees/Entrants on County General Assistance (GA)

Reimbursement of GA costs are limited to the 19th through 24th month a refugee/entrant is in the U.S. Counties should continue claiming 100 percent Federal reimbursement of County GA funds paid to refugees/entrants on the DFA 859.

If you have any questions regarding these claiming instructions, please contact Ms. Stephanie Davis, of the Fiscal Policy and Procedures Bureau, at (916) 323-0267 or ATSS 473-0267.



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